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CIVIS A European Civic University

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2. European Universities: Ambition

ORIGIN:

- President Macron discourse in 2017
- Pilot initiative launched in October 2018

AMBITION:

*“Promoting **common European values** and a **strengthened European identity** by bringing together a new generation of Europeans, who are able to cooperate and work within different European and global cultures, in **different languages**, and across borders, sectors and academic disciplines”, through:*

- A shared and long-term strategy on education, research, and innovation
- European inter-university campuses
- Going beyond existing higher education cooperation models
- Social inclusiveness & geographical balance
- Preparing new generations to future changes
- Links to territories as tools for openness to the entire society



3. What is CIVIS

- A multilingual alliance of eight major universities from eight different European countries
- 400.000 students and 50.000 staff with access to an open university space for studying, collaborating and innovating together



Aix Marseille Université (France),

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece),

University of Bucharest (Romania),

Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium),

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain),

Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy),

Stockholms Universitet (Sweden),

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany).

CIVIS UNIVERSITIES

- Are rooted in their urban and regional landscapes
- Are actively contributing to the social, cultural and economic dynamism at the local level
- Promote strong European values

4. CIVIS, a European Civic University

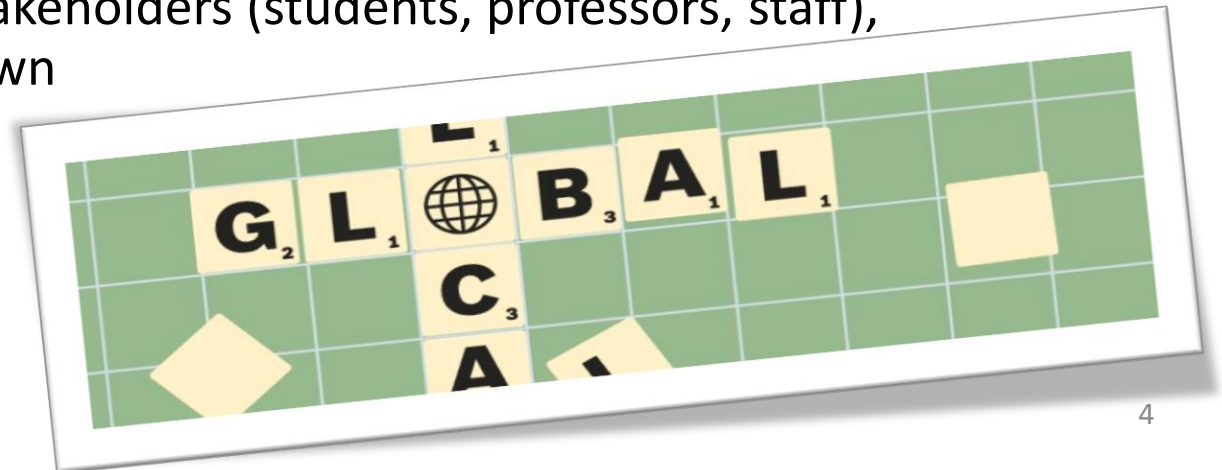


Our vision

- ✓ A **challenge-based approach** and impact-driven alliance making the best use of the knowledge triangle and partnerships
- ✓ Reinforced **impact from the local to the global scales**, contributing to social, cultural and economic dynamism

Our strategy

- ✓ Pool and share our **respective strengths** within the entire alliance
- ✓ **Develop collaboration at all scales of our universities** (education, research, but also administrative procedures, etc) and push for multilateral cooperation
- ✓ A **joint governance** involving all 8 university stakeholders (students, professors, staff), leading to the creation of a legal entity of its own



5. Why did we build CIVIS?

Our values & Our civic identity



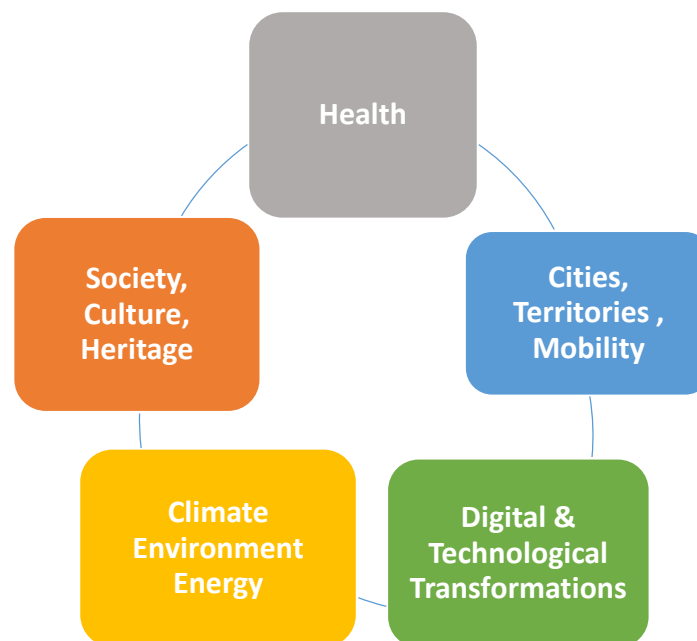
- CIVIS' Mission Statement endorsed by the decision-making bodies of the eight universities – January 2019:
*“(...) we envision our European Civic University as a space for innovative and responsible teaching, research, cultural exchanges and **citizen action within Europe** from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea, **while engaging with the world, its inhabitants and its institutions (...)**”*
- Training future generations of European citizens & reinforcing our civic identity by promoting European values, while bridging the peoples of Europe
- The best for the many
- Commitment to contributing to the achievement of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), from the local to the global scales



6. Hubs on global challenges based on United Nations's SDG



Education Research Innovation @ the European Level



our digital campus: a platform to connect all stakeholders from local to global levels

Local OPEN LABS
Relationships with Regions,
civil society, public & private sectors
-> civic engagement for students, contribution to regional development...

International strategy: Relationships with Mediterranean & African Partners

- *Five Mirror Hubs in the Mediterranean basin and in Africa to develop challenge-based education and research between the alliance and universities of these areas*
- *Possible education and research programmes supported by the EU-Africa partnership*
- *Partnerships for developing digital skills around the Mediterranean (...)*

7. CIVIS Mobility Objectives

Objectives :

- Enable seamless and multi-dimensional mobility models that will enable **10% student mobility by 2022 (12.000)**
- Achieve 50% student mobility within the Alliance by 2025

Proposals :

- **Short term mobility** funded by the project (summerschools, etc)
- **University-wide Erasmus exchange agreements** between each of the eight member universities
- **Erasmus Without Paper and European Student Card to be implemented**
- **CIVIS card** (solution: card via app/internet), which will grant full recognition to all CIVIS members (professors, staff and students) and will allow them to benefit of CIVIS services.
- Going beyond specific actions to increase mobility



8. How to make CIVIS a reality?

Getting advantage of CIVIS calls:

- **Open Labs:** develop activities with/for CIVIS students on the territory involving other stakeholders.
- **Pilot project** will be launched:
 - to connect teaching and learning pathways to local need and challenges;
 - to align research and innovation with CIVIS challenges, local Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) and Sustainable Goals;
 - to identify actions to apply for additional funds;
 - to encourage Citizen Science, involvement and impact;
 - to include service learning pathways.
- **Hubs:** participate to CIVIS workshops on the global challenges to develop interdisciplinary knowledge triangle projects with colleagues from other universities.
- **Innovative pedagogies:** participate to CIVIS online courses development, to Multilingualism strategy, research and tools development, etc.



9. How will we ensure impact?

Who will benefit from CIVIS?



Examples of actions for:

- **Students** > degrees and training programmes comprising substantially increased mobility
- **Academics & Researchers** > collaborative environment (partnerships, funding, labs)
- **Universities' staff** > access to language courses, mobility, (...)
- **Citizens** > Life-long education in a European environment, citizen science (...)
- **Businesses** > High quality skills and scaling up, technology transfer (...)
- **Partners from outside the European Union** > enhanced cooperation at EU level (...)
- **Regions & territories** > development of value chains, attractiveness, regional development





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Thank you

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